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SUBJ: UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY MEETING IN TANZANIA ON REPORTED
MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES

1. SUMMARY. UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON REPORTED
MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES BEGAN TWO WEEK SESSION IN DAR ES SALAAM
JUNE 3. SOME 40 PERSONS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE EVIDENCE,
MOST OF THEM COMING FROM MOZAMBIQUE UNDER AEGIS OF
FRELIMO. END SUMMARY.

2. SIX-MAN UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO REPORTED
MASSACRES IN MOZAMBIQUE OPENED SESSION IN DAR ES SALAAM
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JUNE 3. COMMISSION IS CHAIRED BY SHAILENDRA K.

UPADHYAY OF NEPAL. OTHER MEMBERS ARE NSILO SWAI, FORMER TANZANIAN CABINET MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF COMMISSION, MEINZ-DIETER WINTER (GDR), ROBERTO MARTINEZ-ORDENEZ (HONDURAS), BLAISE RABEFATIKA (MALAGASY REPUBLIC), AND ATLE GRAEL-MADSEN (NORWAY). IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT 40 MOZAMBICANS WILL COME FROM MOZAMBIQUE UNDER AEGIS OF FRELIMO TO TESTIFY.

3. JUNE 3. SESSION WAS ADDRESSED BY FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, S.M. KHAN, FRELIMO UN REP AT UN, AND FRELIMO SECRETARY FOR DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION AND COMMERCE JOAQUIM RIBEIRO DE CARVALHO. FOUR MOZAMBICANS ALSO GAVE EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED ATROCITIES. DOS SANTOS SAID: "PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM IS DESPARATE AND GRIPPED BY PANIC. IT IS LIKE FIERCE WILD ANIMAL WHEN IT IS WOUNDED. IT REACTS VIOLENTLY, REVEALING ITS DEEPLY CRIMINAL NATURE. THE ANIMAL IS WOUNDED, IT ISN'T DEAD YET." DOS SANTOS ARGUED PORTUGUESE COLONIAL ARMY CONSTANTLY PERPETRATED COLLECTIVE MASSACRES AND TORTURE. THEY BURNED AND DESTROYED VILLAGES, GRANARIES, FIELDS OF CROPS, CATTLE AND POULTRY BY USING INCENDIARY, NAPALM AND FRAGMENTATION BOMBS AGAINST MEN, FIELDS, HOUSES, SCHOOLS AND MEDICAL CENTERS. RIBEIRO DE CARVALHO STRESSED THAT PORTUGUESE ARE DESPERATE IN WAKE OF THEIR DEFEAT. HE ALSO DESCRIBED SOME ALLEGED MASSACRES.

4. SEVERAL MOZAMBICANS INCLUDING CHILDREN, PRIMARILY FROM CABO DELGADO PROVINCE, TESTIFIED JUNE 4. THEIR TESTIMONY INCLUDED ALLEGATIONS OF ATROCITIES IN ADDITION TO UNFORTUNATE, BUT USUAL, EFFECTS OF WAR ON CIVILIAN POPULATION.

5. EIGHT WITNESSES FROM TETE PROVINCE ARE SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY TODAY. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE EVIDENCE ON WIRIYAMU MASSACRES. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WILL CONTINUE SESSIONS FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. IT WILL NOT MEET IN ZAMBIA AS EARLIER PLANNED BECAUSE ALL WITNESSES FROM ZAMBIA HAVE COME TO TANZANIA.
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